

Articles for the due execution of the Statutes

of Apparell, and for the reformation of the outrageous excesse thereof, growen of late time with in the Realme: Deuyled vpon the Quenes Maiesties commaundement, by aduyse of her Counsell, the .vi. of Maye. Anno. M. D. LXII.

First the Quenes hyghnes pleasure is, that the lawes heretofore made touching the reformation of the excesse of Apparell, and namely the lawes made in Anno .xxiii. Henrici. viii. and in Anno .i. & .ii. Philippi & Marie, be obserued, and with all diligence put in execution.

And forasmuch as no sorte of people haue so much exceded, or do dayly more excede in the excesse of Apparell, contrary to the sayd Statutes, then suche as be of the meaner sorte, and be least hable with theyr luynges to mayntayne the same: Her Maiesties pleasure and strayght commaundement is, that all Justices and officers to whom the reformation thereof may appertayne, haue special regarde to the obseruation and execution, with all seueritie of the lawe made, Anno .i. & .ii. Philip & Marie, purposely for that respect.



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For the better order in the due execution of which Statutes, for her highnes Chaumber: it is ordeyned the Lorde Chamberlayne and the Vicechaumberlayne. And for her Maiesties houshoulde, the Lorde Steward, the Treasourer or the Comptroller, to appoynt such trusty officers as they shall thynke fyt to haue in those two places special regarde to all suche as shall after .xiii. days nexte folowynge the publication of thys ordinaunce, presume to enter into the Court otherwys apparayled then is permitted by the sayd Statute, and straghte to apprehende and to commit them to warde, there to remayne tyll they shalbe duely punished for theyr offences, and vntyll such tyme as they shal haue thoroughly payde and satisfied the penaltie of the sayd Statute: Examynynge them fyrst how long and howe often they haue sithen the time aboue wyrtten after the publication of this ordinaunce, woone the sayd apparell, who is theyr maister, and howe long they haue serued hym, and howe longe it hath ben that he hath knowen them to weare any parte of the same Apparell. Upon which examination, the mayster straghte to be sent for, to appeare yf the offence be found in h Chaumber, before the Lorde Chamberlaine, or Vicechaumberlayne: and before the Lorde Steward, Treasurer, or Comptroller, yf it be found in the house hold. And in case it shall appeare by any due meane that the sayde maister had knowledge of the sayd seruantes abuse, so long tyme as in the sayd Statute is prescribed: then to take of hym a bande of two hundred markes, to the Quenes hyghnesse vse, to aunswere the forsaiture fallen vpon hym by the sayde Statute: wherby bande yf he shall refuse, then to commit hym to warde, there to remayne tyll he shall haue satisfied the penaltie. The sayde examination, and obligatiō to be sent to one of the Quenes highnesse Remembraunces in the Exchequer, to be by them called vpon, accorpyng to the effecte of the sayd Statute: the parties appoynted to this execution to haue for theyr paynes the moitie of the forsaiture appointed by the lawe. Prouyded that in case it shalbe thoughte fytte to be dispensed withall within the court for any person vpon reasonable cause, the Lorde Chamberlayne or the Lorde Steward knowynge fyrst her hyghnesse pleasure, shall and may licence them by wyrtynge subscribed with one of theyr handes, testifying her Maiesties sayde pleasure: forseyng that none of them do there by vse any apparell inhibited vnto them, but during such tyme as they shal attend vpon her highnesse person.

And within the Citie of London and the Liberties of the same, the Maior and Court of Aldermen shal take and obserue the lyke order: That is to say, to appoint in euery warde foure substanciall and well meaning men, to see the sayd Statute executed, in such sort as it is ordeyned in the Courte: any the said foure or any of them to examine all offendours in the sort aboue wyrtten: and apprehending them, to bryng them to the Alderman of the warde, he to commit them to prison, and to certify the examination and confession, and such knowledge of iudgment of the truth of the matter as he can attayne vnto, aswell touchynge the maister as the man, to the Maior, and court of Aldermen: and they to certifie the same indelaydly into the Exchequer, to thintent the forsaitures may be aunswared. The sayde foure folowynge the execution of h Statute, to haue the moitie of the forsaiture.

The lyke order to be taken and folowed within the foure Innes of Court, and in all the houses of Chauncery, by the principalles and auncientes of the houses, where are noted to be so great dysorders at thys presente, as behoueth to be looked vpon.

The same order to be folowed in lyke sorte in the Suburbs out of the liberties of London, and in Westminster, and in all other exempted places, by the officers of those places.

And fynally lyke order to be obserued in all Cities, Townes, and villages throughout the realme. In al Cities and Townes corporate, the order to be executed by the Maior, Bayliffes, and other head officers. And in all Townes and villages, the Justices of peace in euery seuerall Shire, to folowe the lyke order for the apprehension, examination, takynge of bandes, committing to prison, and certificate into the Exchequer, accorpyng as is abouesayde. The moitie of the penaltie to fall to the officer and officers, appointed to the execution of the lawe.

The countie Palentine of Lancaster and Chester, to make certificate into the Exchequer there, and the Exchequer there to the Chauncelour of the Duchye, and he to certifie the same into the Exchequer here, to thintente aunesayde.

The doynges herein of al officers as well in the court as in London, in Cities and Townes corporate, and of the Justices of all other places through the Realme, to be certified duringe the fyrst two monethes after the publication of this ordynance to be made, to the Lorde Chauncellour of Englands, or to the Lorde keeper of the great Seale every .xv. dayes, and after the sayde two monethes expired, the same to be made every .vi. weekes, duringe the space of one whole yere, & so to continue as by the said Lorde Chauncellour, or Lorde keeper shalbe prescribed. And finally that all Justices of Assise in all their circuites do enquire specially hereof.

It is not ment by any thing aboue written, to take the libertie from any man, to make information against any offendour in the premises, and to enjoy, yf the partie be convicted, such part of the penaltie as by the sayde lawe is appoynted, to eschewinge that no man be twice convicted for one offence.

And to thintent such as shalbe appoynted in the Court to the execution of the premises, may worke the more certaynly: It is ordayned they shal have deliuered unto them a bryfe of the sayd statutes, the lyke also to be deliuered and sent prynted by them selues, to all partes and parties, where the particuler knowledge therof may be thought yf for the better execution of the same.

And for the reformation of the vse of the monstrous and outrageous greatnes of hosen, crept a late into the Realme to the great flaunder therof, and the vndoynge of a number byynge the same, beyng dyuen for the mayntaynaunce thereof, to seke such vnlawefull wayes, as by theyr owne confession haue brought them to destruction. It is ordayned as abouesayde, that no Taylour, Hosyer, or other person whatsoever he shal be, after the day of the publication hereof, shal put any more cloth in any one payre of hosen for the out syde, then one yarde and a halfe, or at the moste, one yarde and thre quarters of a yarde of karsey, or of anye other cloth, lether, or any other kind of stufte aboue that quantitie. And in the same hosen to be put only one kynde of lynyng, besydes linnen cloth next to the legges, yf any shalbe so disposed, the sayd lynyng not to lye loose nor to be bolstered, but to lye iust vnto theyr legges, as in auncient tyme was accustomed: Sarcenet, Moccado, or any other lyke thing vnto be worne, & to be plucked out for the furniture of the hosen, not to be taken in the name of the sayde lynyng. Neyther any man vnder the degree of a Baron to weare within his hosen any weluet, Sattin, or any other stufte aboue the estimation of Sarcenet or Cassata.

For the due and better execution and obseruation whereof, the Maior of London, and the rulers and officers of the Suburbes, and of Westminster, and other exempted places, shal immediatly after this Proclamation made, call befoze them in euery of theyr seuerall iurisdiccions, all Hosyers or Tayllours making hosen, dwelling within the precinctes of the same, and shal bynde euery of them in the sūme of .xl. poundes or more as cause shal require, to the Quenes hyghnes vse, to obserue this parte of this sayde Proclamation touchyng hosen, without any maner fraude or guyle: which bandes as anye shalbe founde to offende contrary to this ordynance, they shal certifye into the Erchequer, with the name of euery such offendour. In all other Cities or townes corporate, the Maior and head officers shal do in all poyntes the lyke: And in all other places the Justices of peace. The officers of the Erchequer to certifye the Lordes of the Quenes hyghnes priue counsell at the begynnyng of euery terme, what bandes haue come, or haue ben sente into that offyce, touchyng the premises tyll that day, and what numbze of them haue ben executed.

If any Hosyer shal refuse to enter into such bande, to be immediatly committed to warde, and to be suffred no more to continue his occupation.

The Maior of London, and all other officers in theyr iurisdiccions and liberties, to make or cause to be made searche once within euery .vi. dayes in euery Hosiers house, to see what kynde of hosen they shal make, and fyndyng any suche as be inhibited by these orders, to see the punyshment thereof as is aboue wyrtten.

Finally, no men vndispensed with in such sort as is abouesayde, be so hardye after .xiiii. dayes folowynge the publication of this ordynance, to presume to shewe hym selfe in the Courte, or in anye other place within this Realme, in any payre of hosen passyng the syde abouesayde: that is to saye, conteynyng in the nether stockes and hypper stockes, more then one yarde and a halfe, or aboue one yarde and thre quarters at the most, of the broadest karsey, or with any other stufte beyonde that proportion, or with mo lynynges then one, and that playne, and iust to the legges as is abouesayde, neyther with anye Shurtes hauyng double rufes, eyther at the collar or sleues, which rufes shal not be worne otherwysse then single, and the single nelle to be vnto in a due and meane sort, as was orderly and comely vnto befoze the comyng in of the outrageous double rufes, which now of late are crept in. Or beyng vnder the degree of a knight, with any giltted spurres, or any damaskyng or giltt sworde, rapper, or dagger, vpon payne of forsaiture of the same, and of imprisonment and fine at the Quenes hyghnes pleasure for euery such offence, to be executed within the Court by such as shalbe appoynted, in sort as is abouesayde, by the Lorde Chamberlayne, vicechamberlayne, the Lorde Stewarde, the Tresourer and Comptroller. And in London & within the liberties thereof, to be executed by the Sergeantes & such others as shalbe appointed in fourme aforesayde by the Maior and Aldermen. In the Suburbes, Westminster, and other privileged places, by the officers, rulers, and gouernours of them. In all other places by the head officers and Justices of peace.

In the two vniuersities, the Chauncellour, or in his absence the vicechauncellour or Comissarye, to see to the execution of the sayde Statutes, and of all the other orders: and none other Justice or officer there to meddle, but as shalbe by them or one of them appoynted. In which places is thought mete to haue an vniuersitie of apparell, accordyng to euery seuerall vocation.

The heddes of Colleges and Hawles of the sayde vniuersities, to be warned by them to see the Scollers vnder theyr gouernement to obserue thoroughly the sayde Statutes and orders, and to abate theyr rufes and other vnseemely excesses, and to haue in theyr apparell regard to the obseruation of theyr Statutes, and to the decencie of byng of them selues therein, as heretofore hath ben vnto: wherein yf eyther the maister shalbe founde to forget his durtie, or the scoller to lacke obedience, the Quenes hyghnes shalbe forced to appoynt others to see vnto the due punyshment of both the sortes.

Ladies and
Gentilwo-
men,

Ladies and gentilwomen attendinge vpon the Quene, or resortynge to the Court, and theyr gentyl-
women, to be apparelled according to the auncient order of the Court: wherof the orders in tymes past to be
put in vze, by the gentilmen blshers, at the appoyntment of the Lord Chamberlaine, to thintent there may
be a difference of estates knowen by theyr apparell, after the commendable custome in tymes past vled in the
Court. whiche order is to be sought, renewed, and out of hande to be put in vze by the sayd Lord Chamber-
layne, or otherwyle to be deuised for a certayntie of all degrees.

Swordes,
Rapiers,
and Daggers.

And where as an blage is crept in, contrary to former orders, of wearing of long Swordes, and Rapiers,
sharpened in such sort, as may appeare the blage of them can not tende to defence, which ought to be the ve-
ry meanyng of wearing of weapons, in tymes of peace: but to murther, & euident death, when the same shal-
be occupied. Her Maiesties pleasure is, that no man shall after .x. dayes next following this Proclamation,
weare any Sword, Rapier, or any weapon in their steade, passinge the length of one yarde and halfe a quar-
ter of blade, at the vttermost: neither any Dagger aboue the length of xii. inches in blade: neither any Buck-
ler, with a sharpe point, or with any point aboue two ynches of length, vpon paine of forsayting the Sword
or Dagger passing the sayd length, & the Buckler made otherwise the is prescribed, to whomsoever wil lease
vppon it, and the imprysonment of his body, that shalbe founde to weare any of them, & to make fine at her
Maiesties wyll and pleasure. And yf any Cutler or other artificer, shall after the day of the publication here-
of, sell, or haue within his shoppe or house to be solde, or shal make or cause to be made, any Rapier, Sworde,
Dagger, or Buckler, contrary to thys order, to forsaite the same, his body to be imprysoned, & to make fine at
the Quenes highnes pleasure, and to remayne in prison, tyll the sayd fyne be fully satisfied, & beyng taken
with the fault the seconde time, neuer to be permitted after, to vse that occupation, which in the Court is to
be executed by the officers aforesayde. In the Citie and liberties by the Maior and Court of Aldermen, and
such as by them shalbe appoynted in that sort, as well sergeauntes as others beforesayd. In Westminster, the
Suburbes, and other priuiledged places, by the officers of the same: in Townes corporate, by the Maior and
other head officers, and in all other places, by the Iustices of peace.

Buckler.

Cutler.

Execution.

And finally her Maiestie straightly chargeth aswell the sayde Lorde Stewarde, Treasurer, and Comp-
troller of the housholde, as the Lorde Chamberlayne, vice chamberlayne, and suche as vnder them shalbe
appointed and assigned, the Maior of London and all other Maiors, Shyries, Bailieues, Constables, and al
Iustices of peace, all Principals and auncientes of the Innes of Court, and Chauncery, the Chauncelour
and vicechauncelour of both the vniuersities, and the heddes of Haules, and Colleges of the same, and all
other her highnes officers and ministers, eche of them in theyr iurisdiction, to se these orders beyng set forth
and confyrmed by her Maiesties Proclamacion, to be duely and spedely executed in fourme aforesaid, as they
wyll aunswere for the contrary at theyr perilles, and wyll auoyde her highnes displeasure and indignation.

God saue the Quene.

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